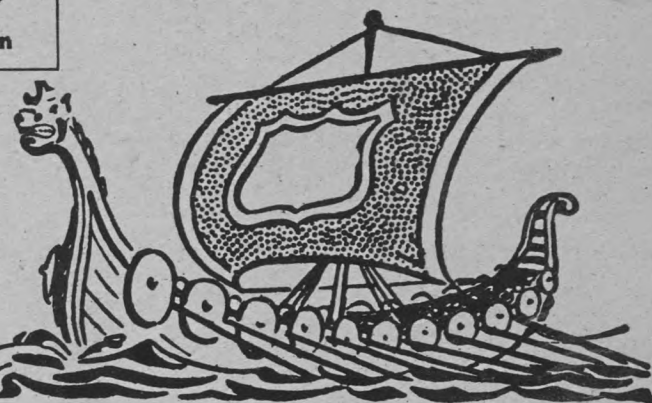


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SUPREME CONVENTION SONS OF NORWAY

BY BETTY BROEN

News from Sweden

by OVE KAMPE

Some European points of view on Canadian hockey after the European visit

Russian hockey stars are very well-known to Swedish hockey fans. We have met them year after year in the world championships for "amateurs".

In 1962 Sweden won the championships when the score was 5-3 against the Canadian amateurs. From 1963 to 1971 the Russians have won and now in 1972 Czechoslovakia won the championships.

According to the rules we have now, Sweden would have won in 1963, too, when we beat the Russians 2-1, but we lost against Czechoslovakia, and Russia won because they had more goals. Also later both Sweden and Czechoslovakia have had great chances to win, but when they have met each other they have played so that Russia has had the advantage.

Officially both the Russian "hockey-soldiers" and the Czechs are amateurs, but we know that in reality they are professionals. In Sweden all players have a job, but they earn money from hockey, too.

What did the Swedes know about Canadian Professional hockey before their visit in Europe? Most Swedes didn't know much. We had heard a lot about hockey over there, but we had only seen two games on TV. One was a good one, but the second was rather bad. So in Sweden we looked forward to the Canadian visit in Europe. We knew that Russia had won 2 games in Canada and tied one. The last sport-myth was revealed in Swedish newspapers.

This year Swedish hockey had its 50th Anniversary and celebrated this with 2 games with Canada. The first was very bad and Canada won 4 - 1. In the second, Sweden led when it was 47 seconds left, but then Canada made it 4 - 4.

Canada was a great disappointment for the Swedish hockey fans. After these games public opinion in Sweden was that the Canadians would have no chance at all to beat Russia, because the Russians are better skaters

and have a good pass-play. But after the matches in Russia and Czechoslovakia the Swedish hockey fans have changed their opinion about Canadian hockey standards.

Having seen Russian, Czechoslovakian and Swedish hockey during 10 years and now Team Canada in six matches on TV, I want to say something about the difference between Canadian and European hockey.

Canada has better goal-keeping, play better back-checking, shoot better, and the Canadians are stronger and tougher than European players. We think, however, that sometimes Canadian hockey is too tough and rough.

European players are better skaters and have better pass-play. In Europe we think that a good pass-play is very important. If Canada would have a better pass-play, the European teams would have had no chance at all.

We admire Canada's ability to play hockey, but we can't understand the conduct of some Canadian players. We can't understand why they are always protesting against the referees. We know that there are different rules in Canada, but that doesn't totally explain the bad conduct. Referee Baader said in the Bonn newspaper *General Anzeiger* that the Canadians were "Ruffians on ice" and that they had thrown cucumbers and other things on him during the flight from Moscow to Prague.

There were also many negative things said about the Canadian conduct at the rink, in Swedish papers and now many persons in Canada have written to the Swedish papers and told their opinions, too.

We have different opinions about ice hockey, and both in Canada and Europe we must accept that. My opinion is that Canadian hockey is both a sport and a show, but in Europe, hockey is more of a sport than a show. I'm very fascinated with Canadian hockey and I'm looking forward to the day when Canada is allowed to play with professional stars in world championships against Czechoslovakia, Russia, Finland and Sweden.

S.O.N. Pioneer Dies



Mrs. Mina McDonald of 10762-75 Ave., an Alberta pioneer who was active in several Edmonton organizations died, Sunday, Oct. 8.

Mrs. McDonald, 83, was born in Fordville, N.D. She went to the Loughheed district in 1910, where she met and married the late Daniel F. McDonald. They moved to Edmonton in 1944.

Mrs. McDonald was the social convener with the Sons of Norway Lodge for nine years, worked on other lodge committees, and became an honorary life member in 1965.

She was also active in organizational work for the United Nations Organization, Edmonton branch, and supported the Edmonton Civic Opera Society and the Capitol Choral Society.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1958 and one daughter, Mrs. W.A. (Alice) Lea in 1952.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by three sons, Donald N. of Calgary, Angus A. and James A. both of Edmonton, and four daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Carrie) Burbee of Prince George, B.C., Mrs. Vincent (Shirley) Manusco of California, Mrs. Roy (Patricia) Barber of Terrace, B.C., and Mrs. R. Byrnes (Crystal) Fleuty of Edmonton; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Telander of North Dakota, and Mrs. Igna Neste of California; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. in Howard and McBride's chapel, with Pastor H.O. Olson officiating. Burial was in the Beechmount Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: K. Svidal, I. Just, S. Sorenson, A. Runck, W. Walker, W. Meyer, F. Clouston, N. Bergum, K. Amdam, I. Bergum and B. Nilsen.

Luncheon and coffee was served after the service at the Scandinavian Centre held by the Sons of Norway, Solgylt 143.

The journey to Fort Lauderdale began for us a week before the cruise departure date when we took off from Edmonton in Wally's single engine Beechcraft Musketeer and headed in a south-easterly direction. Our plans to make the trip began in May when Wally was elected a delegate for district four at the district's annual convention in Calgary.

The daytime temperatures were in the 90's with afternoon thunder storms as we proceeded across the mid-western States. The smog seemed to be ever present even though we avoided the large industrialized cities. Everywhere that we set down for gas or an overnight stay, the people were friendly and most helpful. The hotels and motels provided modern and comfortable accommodation and the food was good whether in city or town.

In Jefferson City, the capital of Missouri, we went for a walk between nine and ten in the evening, and the temperature was about 80 degrees. The domed legislative building is floodlit and a very impressive sight. The chirping of insects and the hum of air conditioners provided background music for our stroll.

When the showers turned to rain at Cross City, Florida, we boarded the Greyhound Bus and drove down to the west coast through Tampa and St. Petersburg, Sarasota to Naples and across to Ft. Lauderdale by way of the Everglades Parkway or Alligator Alley. Highways in Florida have grass shoulders, so look narrow in comparison to our western Canadian highways. Driving past many orange groves we noted that the trees bear fruit at various stages of ripeness. According to our friendly bus driver, Florida produces more beef than any other state.

Housing developments along the southern coasts of Florida seem endless and many are occupied by house trailers. Some of these developments are well landscaped and attractive and others not so eye appealing.

The Oceanside Holiday Inn in Fort Lauderdale had been suggested as the meeting place for delegates so that was our destination upon our arrival. We were fortunate to get one of the few remaining rooms as we had not made prior reservations. The Inn is just across the street from the beach which stretches for as

far as the eye can see. The beach is public and the water pleasingly warm.

The evening before departure the host lodges—Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando—arranged a champagne party at a new condominium overlooking the Everglades Harbour entrance. A breezy ride was provided by a couple of land trains which wheeled back and forth from hotel to condominium carrying about forty people per trip. After viewing three apartments on the thirty-second floor, professionally furnished and decorated, and ranging in price from \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00 the party adjourned to the pool-side patio for refreshments.

By noon the following day the hotel lobby was the scene of a crowd of delegates and visitors surrounded by piles of luggage awaiting the arrival of buses to transport them to the New Port of Miami. Finally everyone was in a bus or car and the last piece of luggage was loaded while convention committee members heaved sighs of relief. We were off on a three-quarters-of-an-hour trip to the Song Of Norway pier. After collecting our luggage and turning it over to a porter we received our convention kits and name badges from committee members. Up a flight of stairs to surrender our boarding passes to the purser's office staff and we walked on board into a lobby on the main deck.

Just less than two years old the ship was carpeted throughout and attractively decorated. Each cabin had a private bathroom with shower. The steward converted the bed to lounge in the morning and reversed the procedure in the evening. Fruit and a chocolate bar were left each evening on the dressing table and a mimeographed copy of the next day's activities. Each afternoon a news bulletin was left in the cabin. The "news" was all American in content.

Much exploring was done during the first few hours on board to locate cabins, lounges, dining room, swimming pool, sauna, beauty parlor and store. The store sold liquor, perfume, sweaters, cigarettes and Norwegian gift items at duty free prices. Passengers numbered about 750 which was a full complement.

Convention proceedings were continued on page 6.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

BY SOREN SORENSON

VERA NIELSEN ILL

Mrs. Vera Nielsen, our one and only woman who is responsible for our charter flights, has been very ill, but is doing much better now. She is such a hard working person, whom I think we all appreciate and admire.

DONATIONS

The donations for the Scandinavian Centre News have been coming in with great response. Thank you, we hope it will not stop.

RUMORS

A rumor has been circulating, that we on the Board, have decided to expand the Centre. It is false. We have gone into it in detail, but nothing has been decided. We hope you all will appreciate that caution has to be applied.

RADIO REPORT

The Scandinavian Show is on CFCW Radio Station every Saturday morning at 10:30-790 kc on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Herb Vigfusson will give the report for the month of November. If you have any news for the month of November please call. Herb Vigfusson phone Res. 699-4556 Bus. 477-0435



Herb Vigfusson

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Morris:

I'm enclosing a donation to the paper which we enjoy very much.

We went on one of your chartered flights in June 1971. We went on the one that went to Stockholm and then from there to Norway. It seems the one to Oslo leaves so early in the season. Could it be arranged that the one leaving Edmonton for Oslo could leave about the 10th of June instead of in May? It is a bit too early for farmers to have their spring work done by the end of May. Even a couple days later in June would be more convenient. We are members of the Scandinavian Centre so we were wondering if our foster boy (we've had him a little over five years) would be able to travel as one of our family. Also if we took him with us on our next trip would he have to have a passport too? He is twelve years old now.

We thoroughly enjoyed our flight last year and we're looking forward to going again.

Yours truly,
Mrs. John Hogetveit
Rich Lake, Alberta

Thank you for your donation and few kind words. Concerning Scandinavian Centre Flights, contact Mrs. Vera Nielsen, 12424 - 141 Street, Edmonton. Editor.)

Sir,

Enclosed please find 3.00 (cash) for the Scandinavian Centre News. Quite often, as I finish reading the SCN, I send them off to my aunt in Lulea, Sweden.

Best wishes for success of SCN.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Vivian G. Ogilvie
Box 1286, Lacombe

(We are very pleased that you share your SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS with someone else, especially those in the old country. Editor.)

Dear Mr. Morris:

Please find enclosed \$2.-- cash for the Scandinavian Centre News.

It is a good paper and I enjoy reading about the first settlers and letters from Norway, keep up the good work.

Sincerely
Torres J. Kvía
Buck Creek, Alberta

(Thanks for letting us know what you like in the paper. — Editor.)

Dear Sir:

I always look forward to receiving the next issue of the Scandinavian News as I enjoy reading about my relatives and friends, as well as the various accomplishments of all the five Nordic countries. I am enclosing a donation of \$10.00 and will be very grateful for the continuation of your paper. May I take this opportunity of wishing one and all: happiness, peace, and contentment at Christmas time and always.

i Sanning och Enighet,
Lillian French
Box 760, Hanna, Alberta

(We're very glad that you enjoy the paper and your generous donation will certainly help the paper to survive. Pleased, too, that you look ahead and get your Christmas greetings in early—it does take time to get information in the paper if it is left too late. — Editor.)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a donation to your interesting paper. I look forward to reading the news and articles about the Scandinavian Countries every month. They are particularly interesting now as I was on the Wardair charter flight to Norway in June. I was born in Denmark and we came to Alberta in 1927.

We heard much about Denmark from our mother and father who are now laid to rest in the Forestburg Cemetery, and I would like the donation to be in their memory.

On the trip to Europe I visited relatives in Jylland, and my aunt accompanied me to Wiesbaden, Germany, where we visited my niece. It was a sort of sentimental journey to the beautiful Danish countryside and Norway and Germany were also very interesting places to visit. I will never forget the trip up Oslo Fjord on the Da-No Linjen ferry "Holger Danske" on a beautiful Saturday morning.

I enjoyed Sigurd Sorenson's "Impressions of Norway". My best regards to him.

Sincerely,
Aan Knudsen
Mackenzie, B.C.

Dear Friends

We greatly enjoy receiving the Scandinavian Centre News. My husband and me have made two trip to Norway and Sweden through chartered flights so we have a share in the Scandinavian Center. The first trip was in 1963 the second in 1968, and we hope to go again next summer.

My brother was here from Vancouver to visit us this summer and he liked the paper so well he would have liked to subscribe to it so I am sending \$2.00 dollars one for to cover our paper and the other dollar if possible you could send it to him for a year, his address is

Mr. Einar Lindberg
6361 Commercial Drive
Vancouver 15, B.C.

I would appreciate you doing this if possible.

Sincerely
Mrs. Holger Fredrickson
New Norway, Alta.

(We would like to send the paper to Mr. Lindberg, however, only those who are members of the Scandinavian Centre can receive it. Perhaps you could persuade Mr. Lindberg to join the Centre, then he could take advantage of all the other benefits, too. — Editor.)

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find a donation to the paper.

Although we are not active participants in Scandinavian Centre Co-op Association, we enjoy keeping in touch.

Is Vasa Lodge Skandia the Swedish part of the Association in Edmonton? What steps should we take to become members—we are shareholders. My husband is Swedish but I am not Scandinavian.

Thank you for whatever information you can give me.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Chas. Sivertson
10820 - 69 Ave. Edmonton 62.

(Vasa Lodge Skandia is not the Swedish part of the Scandinavian Centre, but is the Swedish organization in Edmonton. To become a member of Vasa Lodge Skandia

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Dear Sirs:
Enclosed find a donation to the paper which we find very interesting. We would like a subscription sent to a friend of ours from Sweden, who stayed here a short while. He was here on an Exchange Program. He wanted to find a job, and to see more of Alberta. As jobs were scarce in this area, we sent him to Edmonton and told him to see some friends of ours, Knute

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ICELANDIC
Newsletter

LEIF EIRIKSSON DAY

COMING EVENTS:
EXECUTIVE MEETING:
Mon., Nov. 6, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Beulah Arason, 7615 Rowland Rd.

SUPPER AND TALK:
A family dinner get-together will be held Sunday, Nov. 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre. Bring a beef main dish like stroganoff, stew, steak and kidney pie or whatever. There will be salad and bread there, with liquid refreshments available. After dinner and fellowship, there will be entertainment for the children, and Margaret Geppert from Calgary will speak to the adults on Icelandic literature. Margaret came originally from Iceland, and has given this talk in Calgary. She was studying geology at Heidelberg when she met her husband, who ultimately emigrated to Calgary. She followed him there, interrupting her studies. When her youngest child was two, she returned to university and finished a teaching certificate in biology. I'm sure that her talk will be very interesting.

NEWS:
Don and Carol Arason had a baby boy Oct. 2. Jeffrey Robert, born at the General Hospital, was 5 lbs. 10 oz. Proud Amma and Afi and Beulah and Walter Arason.
A miscellaneous shower was held for Margaret Campbell on Oct. 15 at the home of Mickey

Shaw. Margaret is being married at the end of October. She received many beautiful gifts to help with the start of her new home. And Ninna will soon be a mother-in-law!
Gunnar Thorvaldson received a very nice letter from Gisli Gudmundsson, the Reykjavik City Band tour leader. He thanked us all very graciously for our kindness and hospitality, and said the visit was very memorable for all. It certainly was memorable for all of us who were here!
The Saga Singers had a very pleasant trip to Calgary where they performed four numbers at the Leif Eiriksson dinner and dance. It was an extremely impressive affair, held in the Danish Canadian Club, with fine smorgasbord fare for dinner, and an excellent dancing band afterwards. Dr. Bessason from Winnipeg was the dinner speaker, and consulates for all five cultural groups sat at the head table, along with Chester Ronning's daughter, who received the first plaque given from this group for her father.
Saga Singers visiting Calgary took the opportunity to visit with Thora Vaughan, who is now living at #822, 6707 Elbow Drive, and who is enjoying working with children again. Everyone was also delighted to see Charles and Nina Smith, and Mrs. Einarson, Nina's mother. Charles was good enough to accompany the choir in their singing.

BY ART REYKDAL
If you've been under the impression that Christopher Columbus discovered North America in 1492, forget it. He only rediscovered it.
Leif Eiriksson, who preceded Columbus by almost 500 years, was commemorated Saturday evening, Oct. 9 at the Danish Canadian Club in Calgary when some 400 Scandinavians gathered to mark the first of what is to be an annual event, Leif Eiriksson Day.
Chairman Jack Bjornsson related the discovery of Viking manuscripts and maps, the authenticity of which was proclaimed just before Columbus Day in the U.S. New York Italians, bitter at this threat to the claim of their national hero, decorated walls with the information, "Leif Eiriksson is a fink."
Prof. Haraldur Bessason, head of the University of Manitoba's Department of Icelandic studies, described as a one-sided picture the popular conception of Viking rovers with their horned helmets instilling boundless fear. An Irish historian, he said, wrote of them thus:
"Although there were 100 heads of hardened iron on one neck and 100 sharp, ready, cool, never-rusting brazen tongues in each head, and 100 garrulous, loud unceasing voices from each tongue, they could not recount or narrate or enumerate or tell what all the Irish suffered in common, men and women, laity and clergy, old and young, noble and ignoble, or hardship and injuring and oppressing, in every house, from those wrathful, valiant, purely pagan people."
"After the Icelanders renounced their pagan gods and turned to Christianity," Mr. Bessason said, "young men preparing for holy orders had to travel abroad to study in Germany, France and England and, because of the old Norse image, found themselves looked upon with suspicion and curiosity. It was to correct this image that they began to write such accounts as Landnamabok (book of settlements) that made their country famous as the Saga Isle."
Among these chronicles were The Saga of the Greenlanders and The Saga of Eirik the Red,

which include the explorations of Leif Eiriksson as their central theme.
Mr. Bessason said that Leifur Hefni (Leif the Lucky), as he was called in Iceland, got his nickname, not as a result of his renowned explorations, but because he was fortunate enough to perform an act of mercy by saving a band of shipwrecked people from being drowned. His brother, Thorvald, on the other hand, while in Vinland came upon three skin boats manned by native Indians. He and his men captured eight of these men and without any apparent reason killed them. But one of them escaped and returned with reinforcements. In the battle that ensued, Thorvald was killed. It was through betrayal like Thorvald's that the Vikings were driven out of Vinland.
It is intended that on each Leif Eiriksson Day an outstanding Albertan of Scandinavian descent will be honored for his accomplishments. The first man thus selected was Chester A. Ronning of Camrose, educator and former ambassador to China, who served in the U.N. Assembly, the Korean Conference and was high commissioner to India. On his behalf his daughter, Sylvia Ronning Cassidy, accepted a citation commending his "tremendous courage, integrity and humanitarianism." Hand-painted in oils by 75-year-old Norwegian artist Wilhelm Raade, the scroll was decorated with Nordic symbols.
Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Finnish soloist Liisa Fryer and by Edmonton's Saga Singers.
Leif Eiriksson Day was officially declared the following Monday morning by Mayor Rod Sykes when flags of the five Scandinavian countries were raised at city hall.
The blustery wind of Calgary's opening winter day was not chill enough to daunt the Viking spirit of 85-year-old Judge W. J. Lindal, who came out of confinement at Col. Belcher Hospital to attend the ceremony. From a wheelchair he presented to the mayor a copy of his book, The Icelanders in Canada, and made a brief address.
Other special guests at the ceremony included Senators Sid

Buckwald and Eugene Forsey, and former Alberta legislature Speaker Art Dixon as well as Scandinavian consuls G. L. Johannsson of Iceland, Amund Jonassen of Norway, Arne Nielsen of Denmark, Rudolph Zoumer of Sweden and Rod Sykes of Finland. (Yes, that's right. Calgary's mayor is also the Finnish consul.)

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE
The Nobel Peace Prize, will not be awarded this year, it was announced in Oslo on September 27. The five-member Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Storting (Parliament), which usually makes the name of the prize winner known during the month of October, gave no reason for withholding the 1972 prize. The prize money, approximately \$100,000 this year, will be kept in the Nobel Fund.
Since the prize was first awarded, it has been omitted 18 times, the 17th time being in 1967. It has been awarded 53 times.
The 1971 Peace Prize was awarded to Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany, who was cited for his efforts at East-West reconciliation. The Americans who most recently won the prize were agronomist Norman E. Borlaug in 1970 and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1964.
The names of the candidates are never disclosed by the Committee. In recent years, the number of nominations has been from 40 to 45.
Background to the Nobel Peace Prize
In his will of 1895, Dr. Alfred Nobel stipulated that the Nobel prizes for science and the prize for literature be awarded by Swedish institutions. But Nobel, a Swedish inventor and scientist, left the decision concerning the peace prize to a committee of the Norwegian Storting.
The Storting appoints the Norwegian Nobel Committee, but this does not imply that it is responsible for the Committee's decisions. The Committee is a completely independent body and its five members do not have to be members of the Storting. The current chairman is Mrs. Aase Lionaes, who is President of the Lagting division of the Storting.

Olaf Sveen
on the Move
Musically
Olaf Sveen has another record out called "Greetings From Western Canada". It is recorded on the London label and distributed in Canada by London Records of Canada (1967) Ltd.
The tunes on this record were all written by Olaf and the music published by Felstad Music of Canada, Montreal, and Waterloo Music, Waterloo, Ont.
The front cover picture on the record is a scene at Elk Island Park, east of Edmonton. On the back cover, Olaf said he was pleased to have Gunnar Warolin write something for him about the record and Olaf. Although it sounds something like a commercial, it does give some good background information.
Gunnar Warolin is Editor and Publisher of Norrøna which he claims to be the only Norwegian language paper published in Canada. Here is the information he wrote:

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



BY KAY OLAFSON

COMING EVENTS:

General meeting at 8 o'clock Nov. 8, followed by a Whist Drive and Wine Party.

Saturday Nov. 25—Lutefisk Supper to be held at the Masonic Temple 10318 - 100 Ave. Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Program 8-9 p.m. Dancing 9-12 p.m.

Christmas Bingo coming up in December.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Western Dance and Barbecue.

A General Meeting was held on Sept. 24. During the meeting the Sun Ray Junior Lodge members were invited to take part in the meeting. Bro. Wally Broen gave a short talk on his trip to Miami Florida to the Supreme Convention on the Cruise Ship "Song Of Norway". Donald Isert described his trip as a delegate who also took in the convention.

The campers gave a nice display and described many points

of interest while camping in Montana.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Wally Broen and family on the death of his Uncle; also to the McDonald family on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Mina McDonald, who passed away on Oct. 9.

Mr. Stang Halberg is a patient in the Foot Hills Hospital in Calgary. Haven't received any reports of anyone else being ill or in the hospital, however, if there is anyone, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarke spent Thanksgiving at Swift Current with Mrs. Clarke's brother and family. Also visited her mother in the hospital in Regina.

Mrs. Matt Poneck of Wainwright has been visiting with Betty McKeivitt recently.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Amdam spent a few days in Calgary recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Johnson spent a nice holiday at Stewart Lake, B.C., catching a few fish, I understand.

Congratulations go out to the Cultural Group for winning first prize at the North Gate Shopping Centre for the Norwegian Display when they held "The Salute To Alberta Ethnic Groups".

Next month's reporter will be

Irene Hovde. Please phone 455 - 2861.

A very interesting film was shown on Our Heritage and how one can trace their Norwegian Heritage. Our thanks to Andus Anderson, Astrid Hope and Del Melsness for showing slides and doing the narrating.

Norwegian songs were sung by Irene Hovde during the supper hour. Thanks go to all the members who helped to make this a success.

Al, Brenda and Travis Latendre spent Thanksgiving with Brenda's parents at Prince George.

Nels and Isabelle Mjaatveit spent a nice holiday on the west coast visiting many friends and relatives.

Ellsworth and Lois Halberg and boys spent Thanksgiving with Lois' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stock of Alberta Beach.

Miss Leslie Ann Johnson is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan.

Mrs. Sivertsen spent Thanksgiving in Calgary visiting her two sons and their families; she also left for Toronto to visit her other son and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson enjoyed holidaying in Vancouver recently.

Ski-Rap

By Bud D'Amur

To plant or not to plant! Actually that's not a very big question. Most ski-instructor types I know will tell anyone about ski-poles and the proper use of the pole. The fact is you can't get "on" a level of advanced skiing without knowing how to make a proper ski-pole plant. No less important is knowing where to plant it. The ski pole is planted differently for changing movements and various ski methods.

Before you get that far the question is—"How good a pole do you need?" Some places pick your pocket by pedalling poor poles—the only thing that keeps those "sales dudes" from being barefaced liars are their mustaches. Because just looking at a pole doesn't tell you how good it is or what it's made of.

My poles look like a million—every year of it—who can afford to carry around a portable testing machine to check pole strength in every shop visited?

So how to pick a pole? Just looking at it will help—the cheapest are of tubing made from unanodized aluminum—whatever that is! The handle, unshaped; the strap, un-adjustable; and the basket, poor grade rubber, leather or some plastic compound. For such a pole you should forget it! Mind you, you don't have to lay out a lotta coin for a good pole. A medium-priced one should have obvious features, such as a comfortable grip, a steel tapered shaft, a securely attached basket and the

tips should be case-hardened, heat treated steel. At any price the basket should stay on the pole, be strong and have a large enough surface to provide support in deep snow.

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As I suggested, a beginner can start without poles but should have a serviceable, strong one. For no other reason than to help propel himself along and take the strain off those "jelly-worn" turkey-legs.

How long should your poles be? Well, all the hot-doggers, racers, jet-turners and assorted lot will use short ones because new modern ski methods demand poles shorter than traditional lengths. One way of finding the right length for you? Well, grab the pole upside down with your hand around the shaft so your fist rests on the basket. Standing with the pole handle on the floor, your forearm should be parallel to the floor. If you're an "older-type dude" with traditional hang-ups, try it with your poles long enough to just clear your armpit with the tip on the floor. Try it but don't puncture yourself in the foot. I knew a guy who was eight weeks in a cast. But remember, when all else is said and done—I'll just keep talking.

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SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

Singing along with fish crates



From Toronto Star Weekly

Has a chance at the bigtime gone to the heads of the Eyeford Family Singers of Ucluelet, B.C.? No, it has not.

Even though the singing Eyefords — six of them — signed a contract this year to cut a minimum of 12 singles with Studio Three Productions in Vancouver, bossman Ozzie and wife Marge still cart along old fish-packing crates on tour in the likely event that they'll have no stage on which to perform.

"Like last year," Ozzie was recalling for Panorama. They invited us to Tofino, B.C., for a

two-hour concert but when we got there, no stage. We hauled out the fish crates, draped some velvet curtains over them and used them for seats. If you're going to perform for two hours, you might as well sit down."

Seating arrangements aside, the fish crates help solve packing problems and also happen to be dirt-cheap. Ozzie wrangles them from the fisherman's co-op, where he weighs and packs fish. Fish is the big business in Ucluelet, along with lumbering and tourists — for the town's at the foot of famous Long Beach on the west coast of Vancouver

Island.

Along with Margie, 17, Hume, 15, Darlene, 13, and Sandy, 11, Ozzie and Marge belt out what they call "music of a folk-religious nature". The Eyefords plan a singing tour this winter through northern B.C. to Yellowknife, but first they're committed to cutting their 12 singles by the end of the year. They get 5 per cent on all sales and a shot at making an album if things go well.

They won the studio audition after sweeping to first place in a search-for-talent contest held at nearby Port Alberni.

Scandinavian Seminar

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



BY PAT HYDE

Vasa Lodge Skandia initiated twelve new members at the Oct. 7 meeting, with one of the twelve being a transfer member from the Junior Lodge. Our newcomers are:

- Lorinne Eliasson
- Elizabeth Winfield
- Karl and Marjorie Leander
- Mary Ann and Randy Morse
- Garry Hall
- Leona Anderson
- Sharon and Ted Nolt
- Elsa Schultz
- Silas Kjosness

Following the meeting a dance was featured with several members of the Lodge joining forces to make it a great success. It is hoped that the festivities provided a welcome for our new members!

At the meeting of Oct. 7, the Lodge Charter was draped in memory of Carl Samuelson, who passed away on Oct. 4.

Carl Algot Samuelson was born in Sweden on Aug. 12, 1886. He was a member of the Swedish Navy in 1905, and came to Canada four years later. Mr. Samuelson originally settled in Whitecourt, Alberta, where he was a millwright. He later moved to Winfield, where he lived until his retirement. He was a member of the Whitecourt Lodge No. 153 AF and AM, and the Vasa Lodge of America, No. 549.

Mr. Samuelson was predeceased by his wife, Maple, in 1953. He leaves one brother in Canada—Ernest Samuelson of West Vancouver; two brothers and two sisters in Sweden; as well as two nephews in Edmonton, Roy and Gordon Samuelson.

"THIS 'N THAT"

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Henry and Linnea Lodge, 12336 - St. Albert Trail, on Sat. evening, Nov. 18 at 8:00 p.m. . . . Betty Pearson reports that the quilt is ready to raffle off—and it's beautiful! Thanks go out to all the ladies who came to Markstrom's to do the quilting—and a very special acknowledgement to our artistic Mary Pearson.

Weaving classes have already begun, but more participants are welcome. Contact Bengt Christianson at 439 - 1401 if you would like to learn this interesting skill.

A LEADER is NEEDED for the Children's Club! Also, those parents wishing to enter their children in the Children's Club, or who would be willing to co-ordinate their activities, should contact Lennart and Joan Eliasson at 469 - 0259.

On Nov. 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital auditorium, a wine-tasting party will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50, and they can be purchased at the door. This annual event aids the patients' Summer Fund. The Fund goes toward activities for St. Joseph's patients, such as trips to Vasaclub at Pigeon Lake during the summer months.

IMPORTANT CHANGE!! The regular meeting night of Vasa Lodge Skandia will change commencing in JANUARY, 1973. At that time, the Lodge will meet on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month, so mark your 1973 calendars, everyone.

"HERE 'N THERE"

With autumn upon us, and winter not far away, our log of holiday travellers has decreased somewhat, but some of our members have taken fall vacations, and are keeping active right here in Edmonton . . .

Linnea and Henry Lodge spent a few weeks in September, visiting friends and relatives. They visited Linnea's mother, Mrs. Signe Wicklund, in Vancouver for a week, then travelled all the way to California. They spent a week there, with a few days in San Francisco visiting Linnea's sister, Alma. The Lodges also spent one week in Creston, B.C.

Mrs. Svea Erickson recently visited with her daughter, Lulu Lundgren, and family in Saskatoon. Her visit was planned to help celebrate Lulu's birthday.

Ricky and Larry Frederking, grandsons of Betty and Magnus Pearson, visited with the Pearsons for a few days at the end of September. The boys came all the way from Santa Anna, Calif., where they are both students.

Gerald and Diane Berquist have entertained Diane's grandfather, aunt, and uncle from Holland recently. The visitors enjoyed their stay in Canada, which included one weekend spent at Pigeon Lake.

On Oct. 14, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Okerman of the Namao district were surprised to find their home full of friends, neighbors, and well-wishers, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Their son, Kenneth, was host at an anniversary dinner for his parents at the Northcote Dining Lounge. Upon their arrival home, they found a party in progress.

Mr. Jack Nelsen presented the couple with a gift of flatware and cash on behalf of their many friends. Lunch was served, and the honored couple passed the beautiful wedding cake baked by Mrs. Okerman's sister, Mrs. Sam Brenton, of Fort Saskatchewan. There for the occasion was Gunnar's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Okerman, of Congress, Saskatchewan, who stopped over for a visit while motoring in Alberta and British Columbia.

There are few instances of loneliness more outstanding than that of a motorist who suddenly finds himself going the wrong way on a one-way street.

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THE SKALD OF THE FOOTHILLS

By Art Reykdal

For almost 40 years (1889-1927) Alberta harbored a man who has been called the greatest poet of his time in Canada — and most Albertans didn't know it.

The remission was not an unnatural one, for Stephan G. Stephansson of Markerville wrote all his poetry in his native Icelandic. And he wasn't altogether without recognition in

this country. An English translation of his ode "To Alberta" was included in a reader, "Poems Worth Knowing to Alberta", used in provincial schools for many years. In 1950 a provincial park was dedicated in his honor at Markerville and a monument was erected by the federal government.

Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, probably the most outstanding linguist in Canada who has translated from as many as 14 languages, once prophesied, "It is quite possible that he will some day be acknowledged as the earliest poet of the first rank, writing in any language, to emerge in the national life of Canada. No other Canadian poet presents a comparable picture of Western Canada."

Among his own people, recognition came fast and unrestrained. In Iceland, where every second citizen is some sort of rhymers, he has been acclaimed the greatest poet since the middle ages. In 1917, 45 years after he emigrated, he was invited back to Iceland as guest of honor at the annual Jon Sigurdsson celebration, June 17. That year the whole celebration centred upon Stephansson while Jon Sigurdsson, Iceland's liberator, faded into the background.

Yet this was no pampered darling of classical academic classrooms. The son of impoverished parents on a remote Icelandic farmstead, he had no opportunity for formal education. But he was raised on an island where books were man's alter-ego and literature his constant companion through the long northern nights. The sagas were his primer and the eddas his university degree. After emigrating at the age of 19, he was

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broadcast over a P.A. system which could be turned on in each cabin. We were treated to a couple of excellent exhibitions of folk dancing. Once was by the Fort Lauderdale senior lodge whose dancers wore beautiful costumes and the second was by a group of junior lodge members from Minneapolis.

The ship's orchestra and entertainers had an appreciative audience. Besides playing deck games in the hot sun, passengers could play bingo, take dancing lessons, practice their golf swing or watch a movie as part of a busy schedule in between breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and midnight buffet. The bridge, with its radar and modern navigational aids, was open for passengers' inspections at certain hours.

The ship called at three ports during the week's cruise. Convention sessions were adjourned while the ship was in port. Tickets for a variety of tours on the islands were pre-sold aboard ship. At Nassau, our first stop, the ships docked for six hours on Sunday morning. The sidewalk straw market offered many interesting hand made items for sale. The second stop at San Juan, Puerto Rico, was an all-day visit and one of the tours offered a nightclub show at one of the large modern hotels. This port provided the contrast of a growing metropolis with the old walled city with its narrow cobbled streets.

The last port of call was St. Thomas, one of the U.S. Virgin

Islands. This provided another all-day stop. Three other cruise ships docked about the same time and passengers from all ships converged on a shopping area of about three blocks length, separated by very narrow streets. Just like \$1.49 day!! Liquor, especially rum which is produced in Puerto Rico, is very cheap, as are perfumes and cigarettes. On the northern side of the island is Magens Bay, one of the world's best beaches. A twenty-minute ride in an open air bus runs to the bay with its beach of fine white sand leading into clear blue water. A perfect spot for a cooling swim. After walking about or touring by car on the islands in the hot sun, the cool air-conditioned ship was a refreshing haven.

Convention business began again on the return trip. Elections and installation of supreme officers were held. The final evening's program offered a talent show and masquerade contest. Many of the passengers volunteered to participate in these activities.

The following morning everyone was up bright and early in preparation for disembarking procedures. Many passengers were seen heading for the pier with bulging shopping bags and cartons of liquor. Farewells were made and the frequent parting remark of "See you in Banff in '74" brought an end to a most successful and happy occasion.

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BY VERA NIELSEN

"BIKUBEN" will meet as usual on the third Monday in the month November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 - 141 Street, hope to see all you who are still interested in "BIKUBEN".

DATES TO REMEMBER
Dance, November 17; Whistdrive, November 14; Bingo, December 13; Christmas Party, December 17. There will be no Whistdrive in December.

Be sure to bring your friends and come to the Dance on Nov. 17. The Whistdrive, November 14 at 8:00 p.m. Come and take part in these social evenings and be in the running for a trophy at the end of the season. The price is only 75¢ per person. We would very much like to see a bigger turnout than we have had so far this season.

Dear Members, please send in your membership fee of \$5.00 and use the coupon for sending in the names of your children under 12 years for the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. We have to have the names not later than November 30 as it takes time to get the gifts for the children, etc. Don't delay, send in right away when you receive this paper. If you wait you may be too late.

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News From The Danish Church

By Pastor O. Filtenborg

Sunday the 5th it is All Saints Day, and at the service we will mention those who have passed away since All Saints Day last year as it is a custom in Denmark. The service is in Danish at 11 a.m.

Nineteen children (9 boys and 10 girls) have started the confirmation class this year; out of these are two born in Denmark, one in Norway, and the rest in Canada. The confirmation will be next year Sunday, May 27 and June 3.

Once a month we have a family night with a filmshow. The next will be Friday, December 1 at 8 p.m. in the church basement. That night the Danish Women's Club will have a bake sale of home-made cakes and cookies and also of home-made liverpaste, rullepolse, etc.

The church's annual meeting will be Friday, November 24 at 8 p.m. in the church basement. Everybody is welcome, but only listed members have the right of voting. The president and three members of the board are up for election. After the meeting there will be served coffee.

Baptismals in the last month:
Deanna Joanne Fayant, daughter of Dennis and Kirsten Fayant. Niels Leo Nicolajsen, son of Kaj and Johanne Nicolajsen.

Funerals: Sept. 10 Jens Bertel Jensen passed away in an age of 60 years. He was born in Guldager in Denmark Nov 5,

'DANIA' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Claus Jacobsen

The Danish Society, "Dania" celebrated its 50th Anniversary Sat., Oct. 21, a banquet well attended. The menu was glazed Hamburger. Master of Ceremonies was Thorvald Nielsen, former Manager of the Scandinavian Centre. Hon. guests were Mr. and Mrs. Skov, who were present at the first meeting in 1921 when Dania was started. Also present were Hon. Judge Allan from the Citizenship Court. Congratulations were received from the Danish Consul, K. Holm-Petersen, who said: "I am extremely happy to have this opportunity, on behalf of the Danish government, to extend my sincere congratulations to the Danish society "Dania" on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary."

Congratulations were also received from the Danish Lutheran Church and former

president, Chris Bendsen, who now lives in North Surrey, B.C. Also present was President of the Danish Club in Red Deer, Hans Mathiesen, and Cultural Director from the Danish Canadian Club in Calgary.

The highlight of the evening was, I believe, when "Dania's" Secretary, Vera Nielsen, was presented a lovely wristwatch engraved: "Thanks. Dania 1972", as thanks for being Secretary for the Society. We are all thankful to our own Mother Denmark and as Consul Holm-Petersen says in his congratulations: "Vera, we pay tribute to you tonight, we express our sincere gratitude, and we hope that the spirit with which you always in the past have served our common cause, may be a guidance for your followers in generations to come. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

LOST AND FOUND

A gold Charm Bracelet was lost on the night of the 50th Anniversary of the "Dania" society. It was found and claimed by the wrong man, hopefully by mistake.

The bracelet has four charms: a set of rings with a heart, a music staff, an R.C.M.P. crest and a Rebecca crest.

Will the person who claimed it, kindly drop it in an envelope and mail it to the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Ave., c/o "Dania". Thanks.

Claus Jacobsen

A Note of Thanks

Since it will be impossible for me to meet everybody personally, I will like by this means to express my sincere thanks to all who so kindly expressed their sympathy and encouragement by sending Cards, Letters and Flowers, during and after my recent illness and also for the gift and the many kind words bestowed on me at the DANIA Anniversary party. I just can't find words to express my real feeling, except from the bottom of my heart. Once again I will say "THANK YOU".

Vera Nielsen

1911. He and his wife and son emigrated to Canada in 1950. The first 10 years he worked as a farmer a little southeast of the city. Then they moved to Edmonton, where he has worked as a gardener. He was a man people liked and could trust. The funeral service was held at Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church Sept. 14 and the interment was at Evergreen Memorial Garden. Honored be his memory.

A CANADIAN GIVES 50,000 KRONER

By Vera Nielsen

The Church in Kolvereid, Norway is busy collecting money for a new organ for the church's 100-year jubilee which will be in about two years.

Needless to say, the people in Kolvereid got more than pleased, when they received a big donation for 50,000 Kroner from Mr. Martin Ostevik in Saskatoon, Sask.

Mr. Ostevik was back at Maaset, Norway last fall, where he was born and grew up. He emigrated to Canada in his twenties, he is now 83 years old and for his age in good health. Mr. Ostevik started farming when he came to Canada and later went into construction. His wife passed away several years ago, they had 3 children, who are married and live in Canada. The oldest son took over the farm after his father and is one of the biggest farmers in the district near Saskatoon.

The people in Kolvereid are very thankful to Mr. Ostevik for his generous gift and hope he can be there for the inauguration of the new organ.

Mr. Martin Ostevik is a shareholder in the Scandinavian Centre.

MISS PNE Regina Helgason

The Miss PNE title at the 1972 Pacific National Exhibition was won by Regina Helgason, Miss Surrey. She won over 34 other contestants from all parts of B.C. The 20-year-old, five-foot-nine, brown eyed blonde student wants to go into nursing next year.

NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

by PHYLLIS TAPIO

The October meeting of Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575 was held on Oct. 7 at Lone Ridge Hall with a near perfect attendance of officers.

The initiation of new members was the main business of the evening. Our new members are: John and Grace Sjolín; Oscar and Barbara Sjolín; Marlene and Robert Arndt; David and Lynnette Ewart; Larry Bloedel; Dennis Brown; and Betty Watson.

Members of Nordstjarnan Lodge did a fine job of initiating the new members. Congratulations and Thank you!

We were very happy to have our District Master John Holmlund present at our meeting. John is now home from the University Hospital as an 'out' patient.

As an act in the 'Good of the Order', Louis and Karen Thorsen presented a specially-made alter cloth to the Lodge.

Thanksgiving guests with Charlie and Mabel Tapio were Charlie's sister-in-law, Annie Tapio, from Delta, B.C., and Mabel's sister, Edna Schmidt, and her son, Jack, from Revelstoke, B.C.

Preparations are now underway for our Lutefisk and Meatball Supper. The men are skinning and cleaning the fish at John Holmlund's again this year, and the women will be making the hard-tac and meatballs at Henry Sjogren's.

SMILE!

Speaker: "Thank you, sir, for staying to listen to me when everybody else walked out."
Listener: "Don't thank me. I'm the next speaker".

This year the supper will be held on Nov. 18 at the Moose Hall in Wetaskiwin from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The price remains the same as before, \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The next meeting of Nordstjarnan will be held on Nov. 4 at Dale Havanka's. Following the meeting will be a Wine and Cheese Tasting Party.

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NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET

The foreign ministers of the five Nordic countries met in Helsinki September 1-2.

Reviewing the international situation, the foreign ministers observed that the favourable trend in east-west relations continues. The treaties between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union and Poland and the four power agreement on Berlin have entered into force. The latter also signifies the conclusion of an important phase in negotiations between the two German states. The foreign ministers expressed the hope that the on-going important negotiations be concluded in the near future and that the two German states be admitted to the United Nations.

The Nordic countries reaffirmed their support of the efforts to convene a conference on security and co-operation in Europe, emphasizing the importance of the preparatory work undertaken by the government of Finland and declaring their intention to take an active part in preparations. The ministers agreed that the conference should take place in Helsinki as early as possible in 1973 and that its purpose should be to promote security and increased cooperation between countries and peoples in Europe.

The agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union on the limitation of strategic weapons is an important contribution to arms control efforts. The Nordic countries hope that all great powers will contribute to progress in the field of disarmament in accordance with their special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security under the United Nations charter. The Nordic countries will continue to promote wider accession to the partial test ban treaty and to the non-proliferation treaty and the conclusion of a comprehensive test ban treaty. Furthermore, negotiations on agreed reduction of armed forces in Europe should be initiated without delay.

The Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibited the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous and other gases. It is important to bring about a ban on chemical weapons including the production and stockpiling of such weapons. In this connection all aspects of control should be closely examined.

A well prepared world disarmament conference under the auspices of the United Nations could stimulate further efforts towards arms control and disarmament, provided that all militarily important states, and in particular all nuclear powers participate.

Recent months have witnessed an escalation and extension of the war in Vietnam. The human suffering and the material losses caused by the escalated warfare, and especially by the massive bombings, have deeply upset the peoples of the Nordic countries. The damage to the dikes causes particular concern.

The Nordic countries have always maintained that the conflict in Vietnam must be solved through a political settlement guaranteeing the Vietnamese the right to decide their own future without external interference.

The negotiating contacts between the parties must be fully utilized. The Nordic countries urgently appeal to the parties to do their utmost to reach a negotiated settlement.

Turning to the Middle East, the ministers emphasized progress towards a just and lasting peace based on the resolution of the Security Council of November 22nd, 1967. In this context the ministers reaffirmed their full support of the mission of Ambassador Jarring.

The United Nations relief and works agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is still faced with a financial crisis. It is most important that all states respond to an appeal of the Secretary General of the United Nations for generous contributions to enable UNRWA to continue its humanitarian activities for the refugees in the Middle East.

Recent developments in various parts of the world have resulted in outrages against large groups of people seriously stressing the urgency of the world refugee problem. The Nordic countries attach great significance to the endeavours of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees and will continue to give him their support.

The Nordic countries have closely followed the new trend in relations between the two Korean states. The ministers expressed their hope for success in the direct contacts initiated by the parties.

With regard to the situation in Southern Africa the ministers re-emphasized their condemnation of apartheid and colonialism which deny the people basic human rights and the right to self-determination. The ministers underlined that any solution of the Rhodesian question must be acceptable to the population as a whole and that the sanctions adopted by the Security Council against Southern Rhodesia should be strictly implemented.

The Secretary General of the

United Nations, acting on the authorization of the Security Council, has established contacts with the parties concerned regarding a solution of the question of Namibia. The Nordic countries note with satisfaction the extension by the Security Council of his mandate. A solution to the problem must be based on the right to self-determination and independence of the Namibian people.

The ministers reviewed the financial crisis of the United Nations. This problem must be solved without further delay, a task which is the joint responsibility of all member states of the United Nations. The Nordic countries call upon the members of the special committee on the finances of the United Nations to do their utmost to agree upon a proposal which could be presented to the General Assembly during this fall.

The ministers noted that the United Nations' conference on the human environment in Stockholm was a success. The foundation is now laid for extended international cooperation in the field of human environment. The ministers hoped that the General Assembly would unanimously approve the proposals of the conference, thereby increasing their international impact. The General Assembly should establish a governing council on environment, a secretariat unit and an environment fund. The ministers agreed that Geneva was the most suitable site for the new secretariat unit.

The ministers expressed their understanding of the reasons for Iceland's decision to extend its fishery limits and their hope that the United Nations third conference on the law of the sea would result in a positive solution of this question which is of vital economic importance to Iceland.

At the invitation of Foreign Minister Andreas Cappelen of Norway, the next meeting of the Nordic foreign ministers will take place in Oslo on April 4th and 5th, 1973.

THE 1972 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

Before the tragic attack against the Israeli Olympians in Munich, Norwegian athletes won gold medals in 4,000 meter individual pursuit cycling by Knut Knudsen and in weight lifting in the light heavyweight class by Leif Jensen who set a new Olympic record. In rowing, Norway's double scull team of Frank Hansen and Svein Thøgersen finished second and took home the silver medals. Norway's fourth and final medal-winning performance came later in four-man kayak, where the bronze medals went to the same team which won gold in the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

Perhaps Knut Knudsen's cycling victory merits special mention, as no cycle court of the type used in such competitions exists in Norway. Moreover, Norway has never before won

Olympic medals in cycling.

Thirteen Norwegian athletes, including members of the fencing, wrestling and team handball teams, expressed their intention to withdraw from the games in reaction to the terrorist attack. When the Norwegian leaders were notified that Norway would be held financially liable for losses incurred because of events not held as scheduled, most of the athletes, however, returned to competition. The team handball players, still wishing to express their feelings in the matter, platooned nine players instead of the customary twelve in their remaining two games against Japan and Poland. In addition to six team members who had not objected to continuing play, three names were drawn at random to complete the team. Norway won both games, finishing ninth in the Olympic tournament.

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NORWEGIAN SWIMMERS

Dear Mr. Morris:

Each month our family looks forward to our copy of the "S.C. News". Although we know very few of the names, we enjoy the paper immensely. I was born and raised in Camrose and bought shares in the "Centre" in 1965 when we lived in Jasper. In October 1966, my wife and I went to Norway on a Wardair Charter Flight sponsored by the "Centre". The only time we were fortunate to visit the "Centre" was in 1969 while visiting in Edmonton.

I am the publisher and co-owner of two controlled circulation weekly papers — viz **The Progress**, serving Rutland and Winfield and the **News-Advertiser**, serving Westbank and Peachland in the Okanagan, and therefore can appreciate some of your problems. With this in mind we are pleased to enclose this small donation, I am also pleased to send this information about the Norwegian Synchronized Swim Team which appeared at the Kelowna International Regatta, this past August. We had these lovely 'ambassadors' at our home for a day and enjoyed their company very much. The copy enclosed is photostated from the Kelowna Daily Courier of 28 July and The Province of Vancouver 29 July.

In mid August this year we visited the 12th Scandinavian Festival in Junction City, Oregon. If you think this would be of interest to your readers, some who may be planning a holiday in that part of the world in August of one of the forthcoming years, I would be pleased to write an article for you.

Best wishes for continued success with the paper and looking forward to our future issues.

Yours very truly,
John N. Moxness
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From Kelowna Daily Courier
By MARY GREER

Four girls who took part in the 66th International Regatta in Kelowna Aug. 2-6, have come a long way to get into the "swim". The four, all members of a champion synchronized swim team from Oslo, Norway, were accompanied by the parents of one girl. They were Aslawg and Trygve Aas of Oslo.

Their 16-year-old daughter, Nina Aas, was the Norwegian champion in senior solo synchronized swimming, having won her title on June 18. Ann-Kristin Thorvaldsen, 17 years, and Anne Norlund, also 17 won the senior duet championships, and Anne Karin Storhaug, 15, joined the other three to win the champion team of four.

Nina took part in the evening shows at the Aquatic each night of the Regatta, Wednesday to Sunday, along with the renowned Santa Clara Aquamaids from California. The other three girls took part in the Sunday night show, when local talent was featured during the Teen Town talent show. To all the Scandinavians in British Columbia, Sunday night was a special event.

Why did Mr. and Mrs. Aas and the girls decide to holiday in Kelowna?

It all started a year ago when a Kelowna woman, Joan

McKinley Nagle was in Norway instructing coaches for synchronized swimming and invited them to come to Canada to observe some of the top swim teams here.

Joan, a professional rhythmic and synchronized swim instructor, who produced the swim portion of the night shows, has been involved in synchronized swimming since she was a young teenager. Following her year as Lady of the Lake in 1951, she has pursued a career in stylized swimming, and many Regatta patrons of years past will recall the spectacular swim shows which delighted Prairie tourists and local crowds alike. As a professional instructor with the Hollyburn Swim Club at Vancouver she coached prize winning teams in international synchronized swim meets and as a result was invited to Norway to instruct swim coaches there last summer.

Her invitation to the Aas family and the others was not taken lightly; hence holidays were arranged to enable them to accompany the girls to this continent. Mr. Aas is a director of the export department for a brewing company and Mrs. Aas is the personal secretary to a president of a large contracting company.

EARN WAY

The four girls, all high school students, earned their own holiday expenses with part time jobs; Nina worked in an ice cream parlor; Anne Norlund as an aide to an older lady; Anne Karin as a waitress and Ann-Kristin as a clerk in her father's jewelry store.

The first time to North America for all of them, they traveled by bus to California from Vancouver; visited Disneyland and other sights. Here in Kelowna they loved the sunshine and the Canadian food. The girls think the ice cream is better and they all appreciate the Canadian hospitality and kindness. They were invited to take swimming instruction each day under the direction of the California coach Kay Vilen in a Kelowna resident's swimming pool. This was a tremendous opportunity for the girls, who went on to the Hollyburn Country Club at West Vancouver for one week's training at a national swimming clinic held there after the Regatta. Mr. and Mrs. Aas returned to Norway where they had to be back at work.

NEW WAYS

Shopping was an experience for the girls, who were not used to large department stores, since in Oslo, smaller stores are still predominant. They also found drug stores a great surprise, with their large variety of goods far beyond the pharmacy counter.

In comparison, they like their own television channel better — it is government sponsored and has no commercials. However, it does not come on until about 4:30 p.m. each day and licences are \$40 per year.

They also noticed the lack of public transportation, as every little town has good public transport systems in Norway.

The Canadian Rockies are not unlike their own native land and Canadians are wonderful, the girls agree — especially Canadians like Joan Nagle who had done so much for them while here. "We are grateful to Joan,"

the girls chorused at the time, "and we know we'll learn a lot in the next few weeks."

From the Vancouver Province
By Nikki Moir

Mrs. Nagle, who is a native of Kelowna, but who took her synchronized swimming training in California where she won the state championship, is one of several athletic coaches who have gone to Europe to help with swim and hockey teams. She says rules have changed in these sports and it is hard to interpret them internationally, so North American coaches have gone in person.

Mrs. Nagle said she'd only had the girls in Lake Okanagan once and it was too cold, "but tomorrow they'll have to go in anyway." They all laughed and shivered a bit at the thought.

Wouldn't you think Norwegian girls would be used to swimming in nippy fjords? No, they swim in pools. In fact, their home town of Oslo is well supplied with indoor pools and on May 18, they officially move outdoors into Frogner Park where there are two 50 metre pools and one Olympic diving tower and pool.

Last May 18, when Mrs. Nagle started to coach them she admits she was wearing ski clothes on the deck while putting the girls through their paces. She coached at Hollyburn Country Club for nine years and while on a trip to Denmark with the Hollyburn swimmers, she met Scandinavian coaches and was invited to Norway.

The Norwegians are very competitive people in sports, she says, and they are all amateurs. Her Norwegians have competed against Sweden, Denmark and Finland and solo champion Nina

Aas has competed in Germany.

Nina was the only one of the four who wasn't named Ann. Spelled either with or without the "e". The others were Ann Kristin Thorvaldsen, who was called Kristin to avoid confusion, Anne Karin Storhand called Karin and the only one allowed to be called Anne — Anne Norlund.

Karin, the youngest, "I'm almost 15," was the only blond in the group. The others are brunettes, all vivacious and shapely and they all speak English which they get in school from grade five on up. They also cope well with French and specialize in maths.

Unlike the North American synchronized swimmers, they don't put so much emphasis on dancing but work more on athletic strength. They all ski in winter, skate and play vigorous sports like handball to keep in shape.

They flew directly from Oslo to Seattle, then, in company with Nina's parents, went down to Disneyland ("that was fun") and to see Marineland of the Pacific.

After their nightly performances at the Kelowna Regatta they went to Hollyburn Country Club to attend a synchronized swim clinic when three top U.S. coaches were there to put on a special school. Then it was home, but next year, they'll go to Yugoslavia and the following year to Vienna.

The three Anns and Nina all agree, swimming around the world is great fun and British Columbia, especially Vancouver, looks very much like home with the mountains. If you're a Norwegian, you have to travel a long way to compete, always to another country, and as their attractive coach points out, "competition is what makes you good."



Kitchen Corner

Recipe for Klejner (Smalls)

- 4 c. flour
- 1 c. butter
- 1/4 c. sweet cream
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt of hartshorn
- 3 eggs
- vanilla or lemon peel

Mix all ingredients together into a dough and set aside to cool for about half an hour. Roll out thin and cut into long strips about 1 1/4 inches wide. Cut the strips across diagonally into smaller strips about 3 1/2 inches in length. In the middle of each of these smaller pieces make a slash with the point of a knife. Pull one end of the piece through the slash to form a half-knot. Drop into boiling fat and cook until golden brown, turning now and then with a fork. Lift out with a perforated spoon and place in a strainer to allow the fat to drip off. Makes approximately 150.

It is that time of the year when we are starting to think of Christmas. If you bake your own Christmas cake it is best to bake them ahead of time. They'll be at their best and you'll avoid Christmas rush.

If you like light fruit cake try this recipe. It is moist and delicious. It also makes a beautiful 3-layered wedding cake.

Light Fruit Cake

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups crushed pineapple (not drained)
- 2 lbs. bleached sultana raisins
- 1 lb. desiccated coconut
- 1/2 lb. citron peel chopped
- 1/2 lb. blanched almonds
- 1/2 lb. of candied cherries (cut in half)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 1/4 cup brandy or fruit juice

Cream butter and sugar well. Add eggs one at a time beating after each addition.

Sift 1 1/4 cups of flour with baking powder and salt. Combine the fruit and nuts with the remaining 1 cup of flour. Beat in the sifted flour alternately with pineapple mixture. Add the flavoring and the fruit mixture. Bake at 275 degrees for 3 hrs. in pans lined with oiled brown paper.

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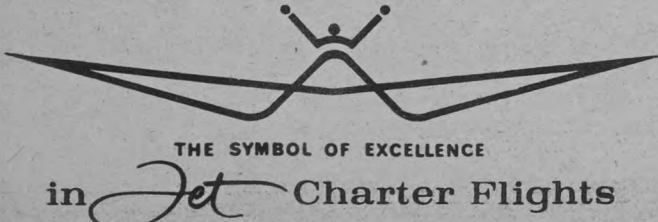
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BY ANNE SAHURI

Belated congratulations to Mrs. L. Karvonen on her recent 70th birthday.

"Thank you to the family and friends who visited me on my 70th birthday on July 30, 1972. Thanks to the Finnish Society for flowers. Also thanks to all who visited me in the hospital recently and to Finnish Society thanks for the flowers."

Mrs. Lyyti Karvonen

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jaakkola are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Eija, to Ron Semancik on Sept. 28, in Vancouver, B.C.

On the recent sick list were: Mrs. L. Karvonen, Mrs. A. Langeste, Mr. G. Tekoniemi and Miss R. Leino. Speedy recovery to you all.

A surprise baby-shower was held recently in honor of Mrs. Rita Vagovics at the home of Mrs. Irja Joljart. The baby received many beautiful gifts during the evening.

Next dance, which will be our Christmas dance, will be held on Nov. 18, at Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre. Good orchestra, etc. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS FROM FINLAND

Mrs. Airi Langeste of Edmonton has returned from a trip to her native Finland and I had suggested she write something of her visit for the SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS.

While in Helsinki she contacted the Suomi Society there and the director, Mr. Tauri Aaltio, said he would send some news items from Finland for the newspaper through Mrs. Langeste.

We thank both Airi Langeste and Tauri Aaltio for this first-hand information — Editor.

Finland Census

BY SUOMI SOCIETY, HELSINKI

According to the 1970 census in Finland, one out of every 10 Finns has reached his 65th birthday and by the advance poll there were 432,431 of them.

Ten years earlier in the 1960 census there were 100,000 less people in that age category. The elderly portion of the population has grown 32% in the last 10 years.

The number of children up to 14 years of age decreased in that 10-year period with 218,000 or 16%. There were 1,200,000 children in that age category in 1970 or 24% of the total population. In 1960 this age group amounted to 30%.

The whole population of Finland in 1970 was 4,622,299, which has increased 176,000 or 4% compared with 1960. Of these 51.7% are female and 48.3% males. This ratio has been the same since 1950.

Finnish girl becomes Miss Scandinavia 1973

On Oct. 3, Miss ANNELI BJORKLING was crowned Miss Scandinavia 1973 in the Tampere City hall.

First and second runners up were Swedish students — 20-year-old Miss Elisabet Johnson and 19-year-old Miss Anne Backstrom. Third runner up was Miss Finland, Mailen Eriksson.

TROMSØ: WORLD'S NORTHERNMOST UNIVERSITY TOWN

From News of Norway

King Olav officially opened the new University of Tromsø on September 1, making Tromsø the fourth university city in Norway. With its location near 70 degrees northern latitude, the university is also the northernmost in the world.

Some 350 students have begun their studies there, taking basic courses required of all university students. Medical students will be accepted starting next fall. While many of the university's activities will take place in temporary quarters at first, one major classroom building has already been completed. The university hospital will cost \$70 million.

The university of Tromsø has been described as one of the most important projects of regional planning ever to be launched in Northern Norway, a region consisting of the nation's northernmost three fylker (counties), Nordland, Troms, and Finnmark. While the limited base for local economies has caused some migration to other parts of Norway, the establishment of the new educational institution in the region's largest city (40,000) has been given some of the credit for the 50% cut in migration in 1971 as compared with 1970. Professor Peter F. Hjort, chairman of the interim board of the University of Tromsø, said in his speech at the opening ceremonies that the university, in addition to contributing to the improvement of health and social conditions, and the cultural and educational life of the region, would provide new jobs for the area's population.

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed find a (\$2) two dollar donation to your paper and also will you please cancel the paper being sent to Harold G. Hansen as I have the 2 papers coming to my address and Mr. Hansen passed away Feb. 7, 1971. Your paper I enjoy reading. Thanking you and looking forward to next months paper also. Reading Mr. Jevene's letter regarding Norwegian settlers from Valdres, Norway, wonder if some are our relatives, for some of my relatives came from Valdres, years ago to Wisconsin, U.S. Will not just say which came from there if it was Grandpa Halverson or Grandma (Lysing) Halverson maybe both but it would be nice to hear if any of these folks were relatives, also my Grandson-in-laws parents live in Wetaskiwin. How big, yet how small this world is?

Sincerely
Mrs. Harold Hansen
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(Perhaps Mr. Jevene will write to you concerning your relatives, or someone else living in Valdres or anyone knowing about your relatives. Yes, it is a small world. — Editor.)

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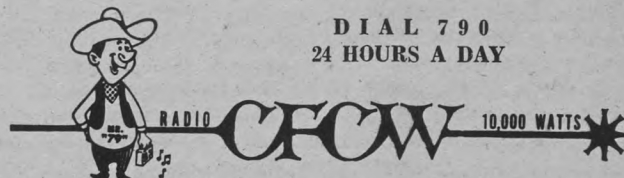
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Letters

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Svidal and Sig Sorenson. He found them most friendly and helpful, and Knute found him a job with Nilsen Construction. We want to thank these people, as we found Anders Forssell to be a very, very nice man. This shows that cooperation and friendliness still exists.

I enjoy reading histories of area where the Scandinavian people have settled in Alberta and other areas of Canada.

I was born in Alberta; but my parents along with others here were born in Grant County, Minnesota, in an area where Norwegian was prevalent. Large families and the shortage of land at the turn of the century necessitated many of the young people to seek land elsewhere. Thus many from that area came to Alberta and homesteaded in the Lake Thelma district south-east of Castor. Some of the names were as follows: Anderson, Vangsness, Vigen, Dahl, Viger, Lundby, Sand, and Kalle. There were many from most of these families. It was these people along with other people from other countries that made Alberta the attractive province it is today.

I think more encouragement and advertising should be given to have the Scandinavian Language used more. I am a firm believer that Government affairs should be in one language only, for the sake of the confusion that exists. And it would save the tax payer the millions of dollars that are being wasted on double printing, etc. But I feel everyone should be encouraged to learn a second or even third language of their own choice. This should not be

forced on us as the Canadian Government is doing.

I do not believe the Scandinavian language and culture has to take a back seat to any other ethnic group. It should be made attractive enough so people will want to learn about it.

I hope the Scandinavian Centre News will continue giving us news and views for the Scandinavian people and all others interested.

Sincerely yours,
Alvin Vigen
Castor, Alberta

(We are pleased that you have taken time to write down your views and send them to us. We are pleased to be able to print them in THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS which is expressly in existence for such reasons. We hope that others will use the paper for this purpose, also. Concerning sending the paper to your friend, as I explained above, only those who are members of the Scandinavian Centre receive the paper, so perhaps you can persuade him to join the Centre. We are also pleased that persons connected with the Centre were able to help your friend. — Editor.)

(Let me express our sincerest thanks to all you who have sent in donations to the paper. Without this help, the expense of printing it would be difficult. All you people who receive the paper and haven't sent in your donation, won't you sit right down now and write a cheque and send it to:

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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

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MR. SVEEN: Dr. Bourassa has been telling us of the role of Scandinavians in settling the West. He mentioned that you had some information relating to the present as well.

DR. NELSON: When the history of the peoples are looked at in long perspective, we find three great periods of expansion. In all 3 cases the desire for land is an important trigger.

The first migration known as the Great Migration by scholars occupied the first 4 centuries of the present epoch (0-400 A.D.) The names of the Northman tribes are now largely forgotten as such. They are commemorated, however, in place names. In Scandinavia we find such places as Gotland (Goth Tribe), Rogaland (Rugii Tribe), Jutland (Jute Tribe), Holland (Hollin Tribe), Greenland (Granni Tribe), Agder (Augandzi Tribe), Hordaland (Horathi Tribe), etc. And, of course, the names Denmark and Sweden themselves have tribal origins, the Dani and Svear being among the earliest people noted by ancient historians. Many lands that are now foreign lands commemorated the Great Migration Period, too. Among these memories are the provinces of Burgandy in France (derived from the Burgundian Tribe), the province of Lombardy in Italy (derived from the Langobard Tribe) and England (derived from the Angle Tribe). It also seems very likely too, that the name Germany was derived from the name Goth by Posudonios of Apamea near the very beginning of the Great Migration.

The people speaking the Northman tongue from around the area known as "Scandza" by the Romans were peoples to be reckoned with. There is no doubt of their great importance to Europe. Jordanes, the Roman Historian, quickly identified Scandinavia as "the womb of peoples and vagina of nations".

The second migration was the Viking colonization. Three hundred years of more or less calm ended as the Northmen moved south again around the year 700 A.D. Once more there was a period of four hundred years in which Europe had to absorb an expansion of the Northmen. We are left with major names such as Russia (derived from Rus' people) and Normandy in France (Northmans land). A large number of city names also remain such as Rostok in the U.S.S.R. (Rus people again), Edinburgh in Scotland (Odins town) and Dublin in Eire (from Dubh, and Irish name for Danish Vikings).

The final Migration, the one Dr. Bourassa has been dealing with, lasted about 80 years starting about 1850. This migration, while shorter and peaceable, involved the largest numbers of Scandinavians. Over 4 million left Scandinavia for elsewhere. This was a tremendous drain on the north. Sweden, for example, supplied more than half of the population from provinces such as Smoland and Skane to North America.

It is interesting to note the similarity of movements. A Burgundian of the year 200 would probably feel quite at home with a covered wagon, oxen and log cabin of the Swede immigrant settling in central Alberta. Coming as peaceable immigrants rather than conquerors, the names are found in local centres of Alberta such as Valhalla, Heimdal (a pagan god), Calmar

and New Norway, as well as others mentioned by Dr. Bourassa.

MR. SVEEN: I think that the word "peaceable" is the key word here. The last migration, the one to this continent, merged the Scandinavian cultures with other cultures in a harmonious way. What other peaceful contributions have been made to present day?

DR. NELSON: Very many. Lets look at agriculture. It is a natural starting point since it is so closely associated with the taking up and profitable use of land. Along practical lines we have Birkeland from Norway who devised a method of capturing nitrogen from the air to use as fertilizer. A Swede called De Laval is famous for producing a highly successful cream separator. Alfred Nobel invented dynamite, a commodity which was important to rapid clearing of land and building transportation systems. Nobel speeded up settlement of this continent greatly. Others, who are also Swedes, are Ericsson who invented the modern screw propeller, Lundstrom for safety matches, and Dahl, the man who worked out the sulphate process of making paper.

MR. SVEEN: We know that advances in technology and advances in science often go hand-in-hand. There is surely evidence for peaceful contributions here, too.

DR. NELSON: One of the most respected astronomers of all times was a Dane. Tyge Brahe founded the modern technique for making astronomical observations. The Norwegian, Stormer, is well known for his discoveries about Northern Lights.

In Physics and Chemistry we have Siegbahn, known for advancing knowledge of an invisible form of energy known as X-rays. Arrhenius and Svedberg are internationally recognized for work with electrolytes and molecules respectively and both are Nobel Prize winners. All are Swedes.

MR. SVEEN: The Nobel Prize itself is an important Scandinavian contribution to world harmony. I believe the prizes are awarded jointly by Sweden and Norway, although Nobel was a Swede himself.

DR. NELSON: Yes, they date from the time when the two countries were united. Sweden itself may be the most thoroughly "science oriented" country in the world. Considering its relatively small population—around eight million—and its huge output of scientific knowledge, it would surprise me if the scientific contributions per capita are not greater than any other country. The total contributions by the U.S.A., England, France, Germany and U.S.S.R. are perhaps greater only because of their huge populations.

MR. SVEEN: That is an interesting observation. I have never heard the case put quite that way but it makes good sense to take the size of the country into consideration when making comparisons. We haven't touched upon medicine or biology yet. What do we have here?

DR. NELSON: Many of the persons best known in medicine and related fields are Danes. These include Niels Fisen for his work on skin diseases, August Krogh for discoveries on capillary attraction, Johannes Fibiger for advancing research on cancer and Henrik Dam for investigations of Vitamin K. We

might also mention Gullstrand, the Swede who became a scientific authority on diseases of the eye. If we were only to make reference to the work and names of Scandinavians whose work is cited outside Scandinavia, we would fill the entire edition of several issues of this paper. Peaceful contributions are without end.

MR. SVEEN: We have talked about peaceful contributions. Scandinavia has also made contributions to peace, has it not? The Nobel Peace Prize is a fine example.

DR. NELSON: Yes, the flexibility of the culture is impressive. It has been remarked that Scandinavians have proven to be the easiest non-English people to assimilate into the North American cultures. The rate at which the Scandinavians disappear into another culture is the bane of our ethnic based societies.

The recent contributions to peace are in stark contrast to an old prayer "Christ protect us from the fury of the Northmen". Peace prizes have been won by the Norwegian explorer, Fridtjof Nansen, the Swedish political writer, Klas Arnolsson, and it was a Dane, Fredrik Bajer, who founded the International Peace-Bureau in Bern, Switzerland.

MR. SVEEN: Next time I would like to turn to the creation of ideas by Scandinavians. I know that the idea of Ombudsman is catching a-hold here. The notion that government itself must live under law is revolutionizing our notions of freedom and what it means to be law-abiding. Let's deal with this again.

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Here is another record from the famous accordion player Olaf Sveen. It is always a pleasure to hear his lively music. I have had the pleasure of selling his records for many years in my Import Store, Gunnars Scandinavian Foods in New Westminster, B.C.

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It is interesting to note that Olaf has a collection of all his music — and records — in the University Library, Oslo, Norway, under the title "Norwegian - American Music Collection. The librarian whom Olaf knows is Øystein Gauksstad.

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The following letter is from Einar Bergh, Editor of "News of Norway" publication.

Dear Mr. Sveen,

I am sorry I have not written earlier to acknowledge the receipt of your record "Sounds of Scandinavia", which I find very good. As we do not have a record column in News of Norway, I have been unable to comment on it there.

With your permission, I would very much like to play your album in connection with Nordic Day, an event which is to take place on the Washington Monument grounds on October 29. Eight Scandinavian organizations will cooperate with the Nordic Embassies and the U.S. National Park Service, and if the weather is right, it should be quite successful. One of the

U.S. military bands will play music by Grieg, Sibelius and other Scandinavian composers, a folk dancing group from Pittsburgh will perform, food and gift items will be sold, films shown, etc.

I would be most interested in hearing your next recording, which could then be added to the Embassy's record collection.

Sincerely yours,
Einar Bergh, Editor
"News of Norway"

An old man was celebrating his 105th birthday. Newspapermen asked him to what he attributed his longevity. "Well, I'll you," said the old man, "do you remember the murder of Pedro Garcia? I attribute my old age simply to the fact that the police never found Pedro's murderer."